

Montgomery County Forest Conservancy District Board



Minutes for Montgomery County Forestry Board Meeting on June 16, 2022.

Meeting called to order at 1:40 by Chair Jim Harris.

Last meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

There is a -\$135.56 difference in the account's balance since last month's meeting from expenditures on mileage reimbursement for measuring trees.

NRCC

A total of seven students were interviewed. However, one applicant decided to withdraw their application and apply next year and another applicant is unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. There will be a total of five students from Montgomery County attending.

Chair's Report

Linda Pepe has resigned from the Montgomery County Forestry Board. There was a motion to give Linda Pepe emerita status from Carole Bergmann and the motion passed unanimously. Linda has been a dedicated member of the Montgomery County Forestry Board for over 25 years. Joe Howard made a motion to plant a tree this fall in honor of Linda's contributions to the board. Joe Howard will organize the tree planting to find the tree species that will be planted and a tree crew that will plant it. Norman King as offered one of his crew's as a backup plan in case Joe is unable to find a tree crew. Carole will be organizing the October meeting to be held at Linda Pepe's residency. Joli McCathran will call local restaurants to look for catering options for the meeting.

Legislative Report

The College Park City Council passed a tree protection ordinance that will require residents to get permits to remove or prune trees, with the goal of preventing tree canopy loss in the city.

DNR Report

The Forester position for Montgomery and Howard County has been interviewed for. Once the Forester is hired, they will take over secretary duties from the Forest Ranger, Evan McCarthy.

Tree Planting

Tree planting will continue once again in the fall.

State Forestry Board News

The State Forestry Board will be meeting on Thursday, October 27th at 8:30 at 18400 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, MD 20855.

Old Business

Board member, Eddie Franceschi, has drafted a budget for the Montgomery County Forestry Board to receive grant money from Montgomery County. The budget includes items that are necessary to ensure the future of the board for 2-5 years. This budget proposal has a bottom line of \$6,800 and accounts for a website, office supplies and printer, forestry supplies, travel reimbursement, outreach programs like NRCC scholarships, and technology for collecting Big Tree Program data. Also addressed in Eddie's proposal are the questions of how to increase board membership interest and transfer of knowledge from current to future board members.

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Next meeting is scheduled **September 13th at 1:30 pm**, at 316 Grove Avenue, Washington Grove, MD 20880.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Attendance:

Jim Harris, Chair

Joli McCathran, Treasurer

Joe Howard, Board member

Mary Howard, Guest

Carole Bergmann, Board member

Vince Fillah, Guest

Eddie Franceschi, Board member

Norman King, Board member

Evan McCarthy, DNR, Acting Secretary